

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : TERMINAL DEVICE, ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND DATA  
PROCESSING METHOD  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, which is a division of application Serial No. 09/600,509 filed July 17, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7 and 10-12, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 9 remain in this application, which is a division of Serial No. 09/600,509 filed July 17, 2000. In that parent

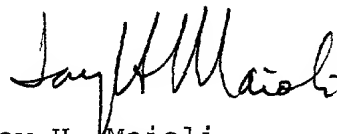
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application a telephone restriction requirement was made restricting the claims in the parent to claims 1-7.

The claims in the instant division are directed to claims 8 and 9 that were not elected in response to the restriction requirement.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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